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EVENT: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Terry Flenory

**THE SECOND OF TWO DRUG KINGPINS PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG
AND MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES**

A leader of the "Black Mafia Family" (BMF) pleaded guilty today to running a large scale drug organization and money laundering, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced.

Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Robert L. Corso, Drug Enforcement Administration and Special Agent in Charge Maurice Aouate, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

Terry Flenory, 37, originally of Detroit entered his guilty plea in United States District Court in Detroit before Judge Avern Cohn.

Specifically, Flenory admitted that from 1990 through 2005, he was the leader of a criminal enterprise involving the large scale distribution of controlled substances, mainly

cocaine. Further, Flenory admitted to obtaining millions of dollars in cash from the sale of cocaine. He used the illegal proceeds of his drug trafficking to purchase real estate, vehicles and jewelry.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, Flenory faces a sentence of 30 years to life in prison. In addition, Flenory agreed to a money judgment in the amount of \$270,000,000. A sentencing hearing was not set by Judge Cohn.

According to the charges in the indictment, Terry Flenory and his brother, Demetrius Flenory have been operating a drug organization, at some point named the "Black Mafia Family" (BMF), which dealt in multi-kilo quantities of cocaine in the Detroit metropolitan area beginning in the early 1990's. Since 2000, law enforcement officers from across the country have seized over 476 kilograms of cocaine destined for distribution by this organization. More than million in cash was seized by law enforcement officers between October, 1997 and June 2005. The members of this organization, using the illegal proceeds of their narcotic sales, purchased and leased numerous luxury vehicles, acquired and sold real property and purchased jewelry while concealing the true source and nature of the funds involved in the transaction through false names and nominee purchasers.

Five other defendants are still scheduled for trial on November 26, 2007. Of the 41 defendants who were indicted along with the brothers, 33 have pleaded guilty.